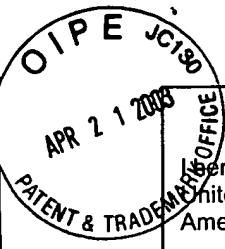


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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 14, 2003

Dear Sir:

Applicant responds to the Office Action of January 14, 2003, for which a three-month period of response was given. Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1-18 were subject to a restriction requirement and have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 19-30 have been rejected. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Applicant believes claims 19-30 are in condition for allowance and respectfully solicits a notice of allowance with respect to claims 19-30.